OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 03-19** DROUGHT EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Director of the Kansas Water Office has informed me, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2608, of the existence of extreme drought conditions within the state, and

WHEREAS, there is every indication that the present drought conditions will not abate in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Emergency Management Act (K.S.A. 48-924) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its people from disasters, including drought.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

- 1. declare a Drought Emergency for the counties identified below; and
- 2. authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement those Drought Emergency-level drought response actions assigned to them in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

Drought Emergency counties by Climate/Crop Reporting District

Northeast: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Riley, Wyandotte

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 03-19 and shall become effective immediately.

This Executive Order shall remain in effect for those counties so identified until rescinded by Executive Order or superceded by a subsequent Executive Order revising the drought stage status of those counties affected.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR IL & Moore for the governor DATED 8/22/03

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